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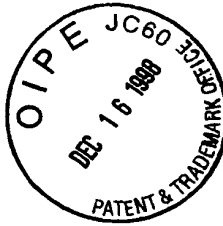
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 18, 1998 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 19, line 4, change "90" to --80--.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3 through 8, and 10 through 31 on page 2 of the previous Action as obvious over EP 511695 in view of allegedly admitted prior art with or without Lachenal et al and with or without Marechal. It is respectfully submitted that there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness, the references do not teach the invention even if combined, and that the basic assumptions made in the previous Action that are the basis for the rejections are erroneous.